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Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" With regard to the answers to clause (c), may I know what difficulty there is in placing the report before this House? "

The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER:—" Because I do not think that the report of the Collector should be placed on the table of the House."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—" If the work is already taken up, will the Government expedite the order so that relief may be available? "

The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER:—" All in good time."

Mr. A. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI:—" May I know, Sir, if the policy of distributing remission will be based on the economic condition prevailing in the districts? "

The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER:—" I should like to do so, Sir. As I said once before, if any Member could give a satisfactory formula to work out, I shall be only too grateful to him."

Mrs. A. RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHI:—" Will the Hon. the Revenue Member informally tell the House what the intentions of the Government are in the matter? " (Laughter.)

The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER:—" Not even the blandishments of the hon. the Lady Member will make me do that." (Laughter.)

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I know, Sir, whether the report from the Collector of Salem is in favour of or against the remission? "

The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER:—" I cannot reply to that, Sir."

Report of the Collector of Salem regarding the need for land revenue remission.

* 686 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any special report has been received from the Collector of Salem either by the Government or by the Board of Revenue in the matter of giving some liberal remission on account of the poor condition, and absence of timely rainfall in this district this year;

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of it will be placed on the table; and

(*c*) what orders have been passed on the report and whether a copy of it will be placed on the table?

A.—The Government have not received any special report in the matter from the Collector of Salem. They have no information as to whether the Board of Revenue has received any such report.